

Growth Management Population Projection Tracking Report

Office of Financial Management, Forecasting Division

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In January 2002 the Office of Financial Management (OFM) released a new series of county population projections for the Growth Management Act (GMA). This projection series started with the Census 2000 tabulations as a base and used actual growth trends through the 1990s and prior historical periods to develop county growth expectations.

This tracking report shows how annual county population estimates for 2001 through 2003 line up with the 2005 GMA projections. Since the series only produced growth expectation by five-year intervals, annual population change through 2005 for this report was developed by linear interpolation.

The following table shows OFM's April 1, 2003 population estimate for each county compared to the intermediate GMA population projection. The general findings are summarized below.

- One-third of the counties are tracking closely, within one percent, of their intermediate projection. This includes large counties like Clark, King, Snohomish, and Spokane—and small counties like Garfield, Lincoln, and Pacific.
- All but two counties, Franklin and Pend Oreille Counties, are tracking within the high and low projection range. Franklin County's 2003 population estimate is 310 persons above their high projection series. Pend Oreille County's 2003 population estimate is 14 persons less than their low projection.
- About 70 percent of the counties are tracking below their intermediate projection series. This largely reflects lower migration gains due to Washington's flat economy. More counties may drop below their low growth expectations before there is an upturn in the state's economy.

The graphs that follow show the specific tracking status for each county. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Lowe at 360.902.0588.

This tracking document is also on the OFM web page at:

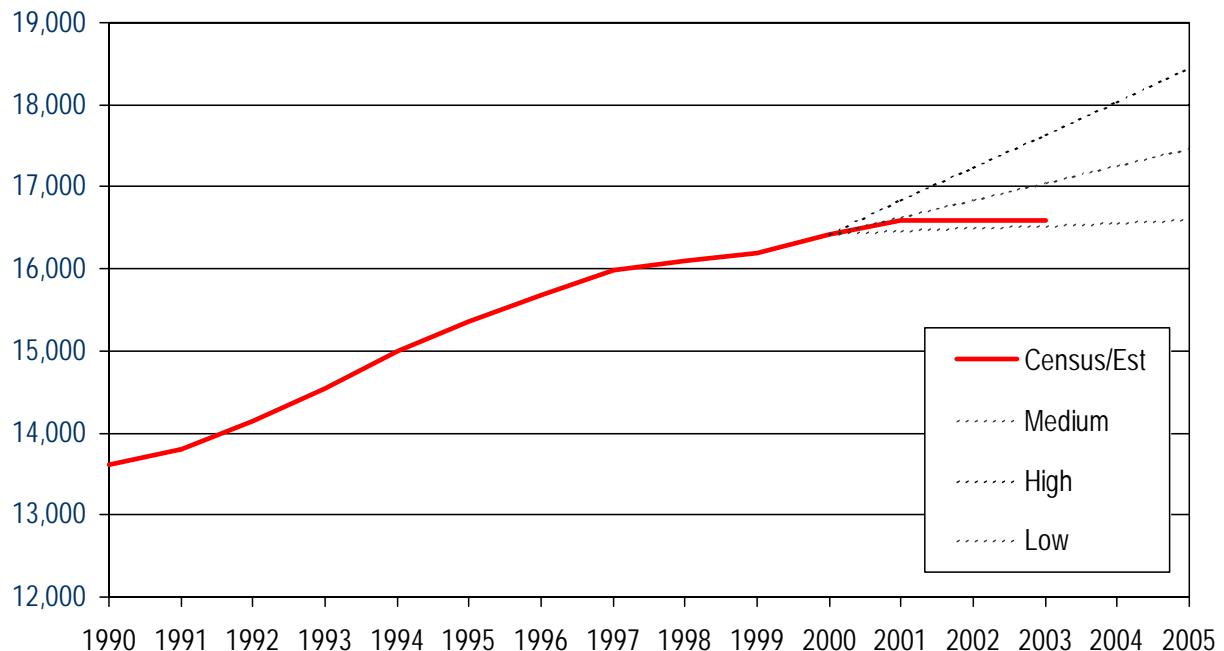
<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/index.htm#growth>

Comparison of Office of Financial Management Growth Management Population Projections with 2003 Population Estimates

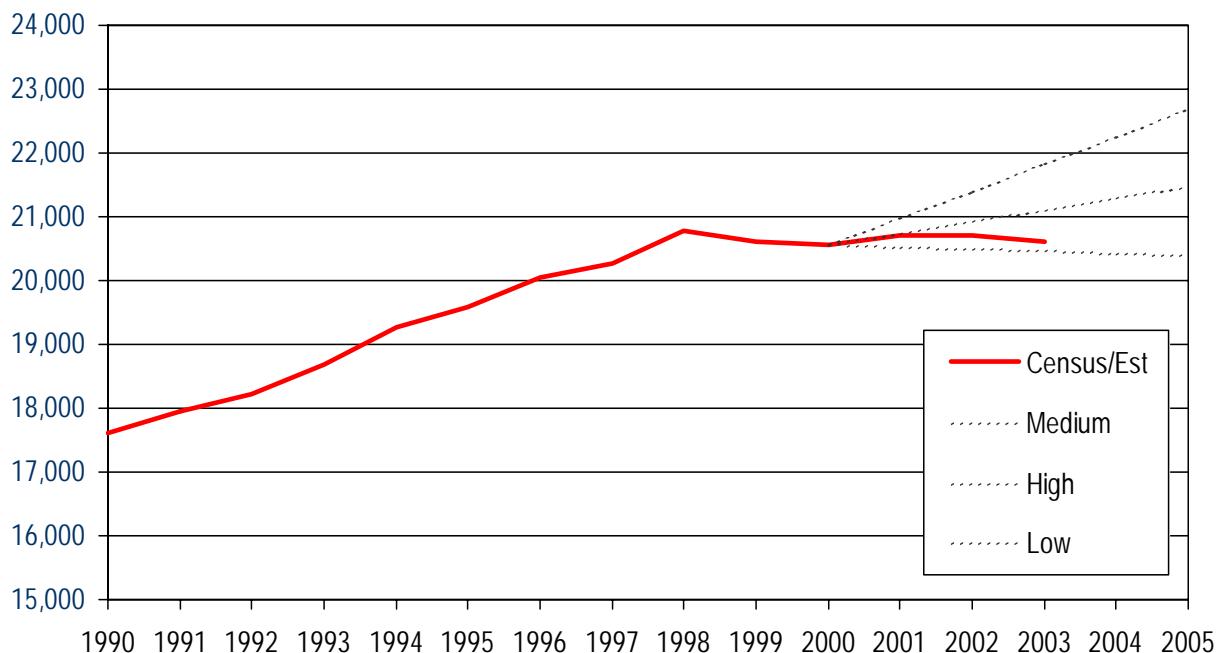
	<u>GMA Projections</u>					
	Estimate	Low	Medium	High	Diff. from Medium Projection	
	2003	2003	2003	2003	Number	Percent
Washington	6,098,300	5,918,936	6,097,655	6,330,296	645	0.01
Adams	16,600	16,522	17,046	17,638	-446	-2.62
Asotin	20,600	20,456	21,100	21,828	-500	-2.37
Benton	151,600	142,821	147,903	155,722	3,697	2.50
Chelan	67,900	67,394	69,348	71,312	-1,448	-2.09
Clallam	65,300	62,537	64,653	66,671	647	1.00
Clark	372,300	360,177	372,854	386,059	-554	-0.15
Columbia	4,100	3,814	3,974	4,156	126	3.17
Cowlitz	94,900	93,186	96,438	102,201	-1,538	-1.59
Douglas	33,600	33,381	34,795	36,367	-1,195	-3.44
Ferry	7,300	7,260	7,645	8,143	-345	-4.51
Franklin	53,600	49,666	51,324	53,290	2,276	4.43
Garfield	2,400	2,312	2,420	2,536	-20	-0.84
Grant	77,100	76,536	79,317	82,222	-2,217	-2.80
Grays Harbor	68,800	64,627	66,772	68,916	2,028	3.04
Island	74,000	70,439	73,466	76,493	534	0.73
Jefferson	26,700	26,372	27,504	28,637	-804	-2.92
King	1,779,300	1,727,765	1,766,895	1,805,490	12,405	0.70
Kitsap	237,000	224,701	234,629	259,133	2,371	1.01
Kittitas	35,200	32,749	33,933	35,400	1,267	3.73
Klickitat	19,300	19,105	19,867	20,782	-567	-2.85
Lewis	70,400	68,013	71,243	75,316	-843	-1.18
Lincoln	10,100	9,781	10,131	10,706	-31	-0.30
Mason	50,200	49,857	52,035	55,101	-1,835	-3.53
Okanogan	39,600	39,357	40,700	42,168	-1,100	-2.70
Pacific	20,900	20,352	20,968	21,848	-68	-0.32
Pend Oreille	11,800	11,814	12,300	12,825	-500	-4.07
Pierce	733,700	707,050	724,831	755,168	8,869	1.22
San Juan	14,800	14,350	14,919	15,543	-119	-0.80
Skagit	106,700	105,340	109,073	114,062	-2,373	-2.18
Skamania	9,900	9,822	10,239	10,806	-339	-3.31
Snohomish	637,500	622,949	642,451	661,952	-4,951	-0.77
Spokane	428,600	418,915	431,816	449,150	-3,216	-0.74
Stevens	40,600	39,881	41,289	44,321	-689	-1.67
Thurston	214,800	214,421	223,374	236,364	-8,574	-3.84
Wahkiakum	3,800	3,723	3,873	4,023	-73	-1.89
Walla Walla	55,800	54,488	56,557	59,195	-757	-1.34
Whatcom	174,500	169,725	175,003	183,395	-503	-0.29
Whitman	41,000	39,167	40,563	43,876	437	1.08
Yakima	226,000	218,111	224,406	231,479	1,594	0.71

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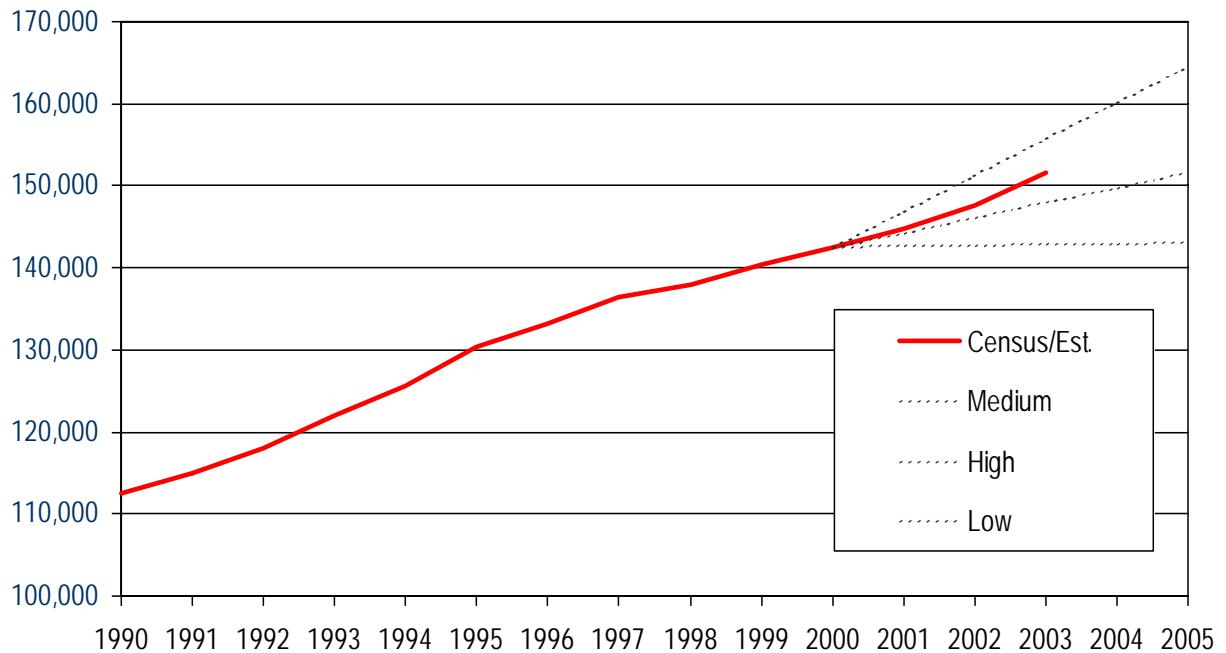


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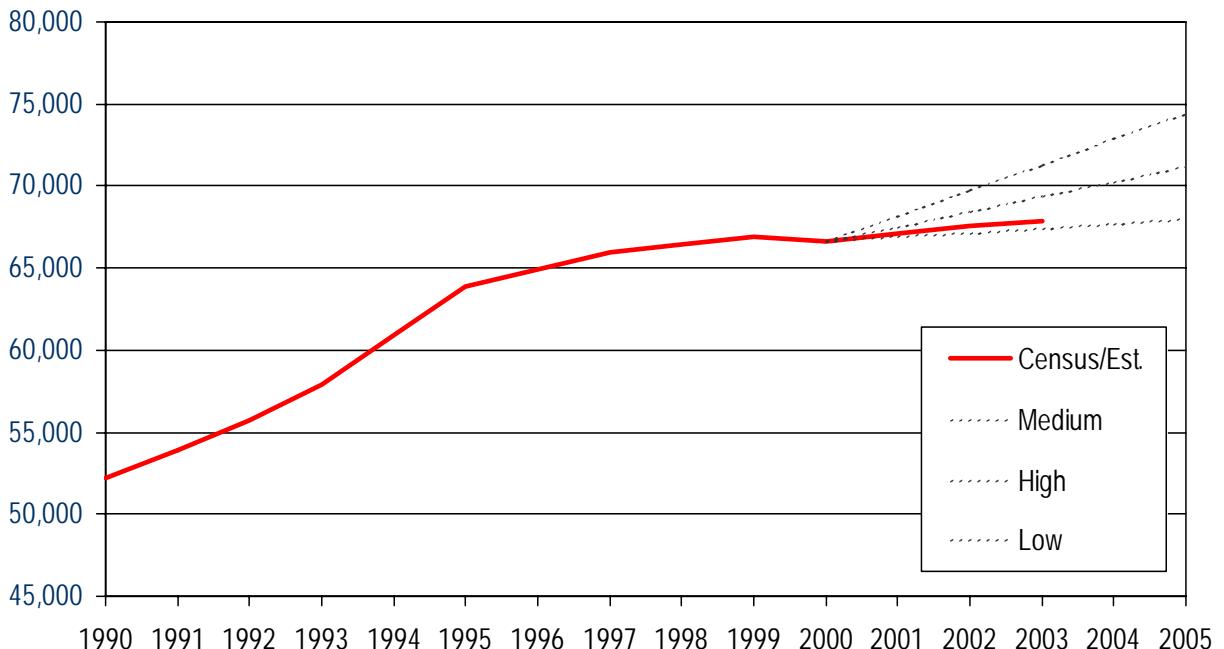


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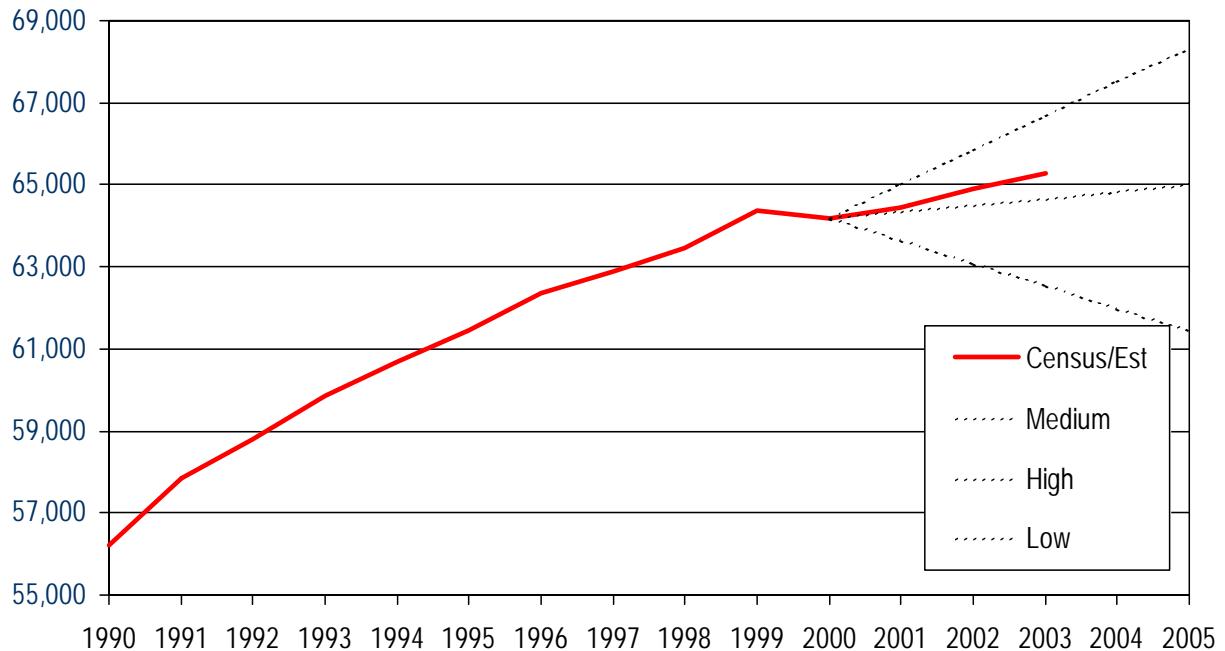


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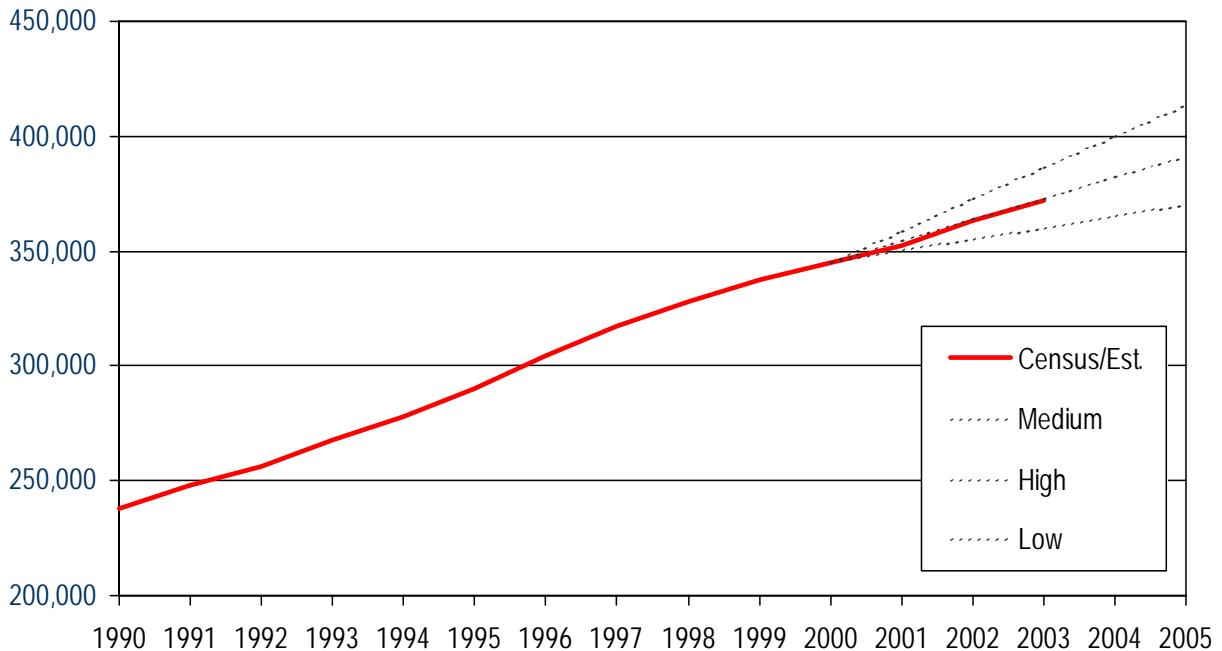


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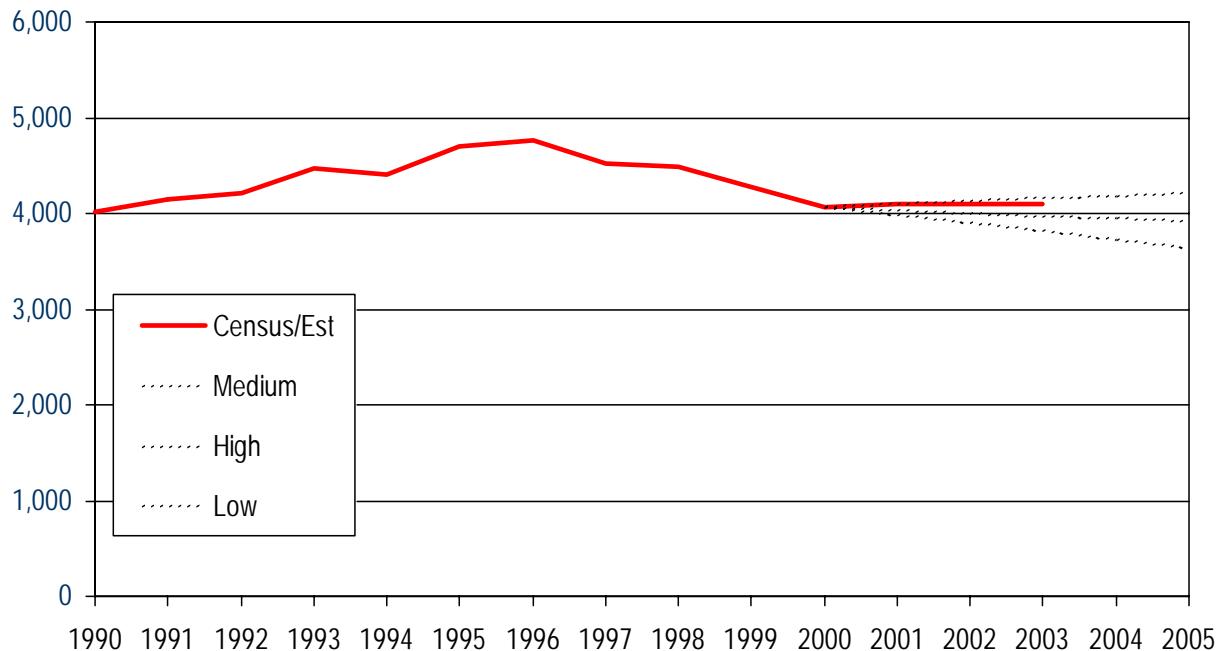


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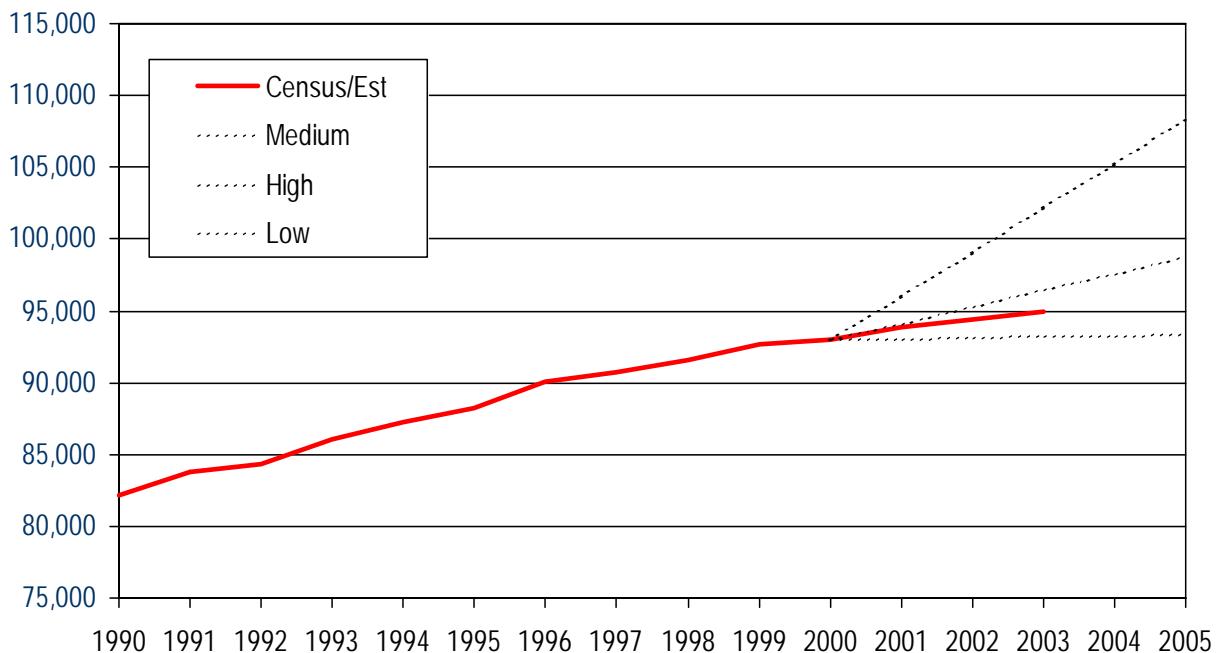


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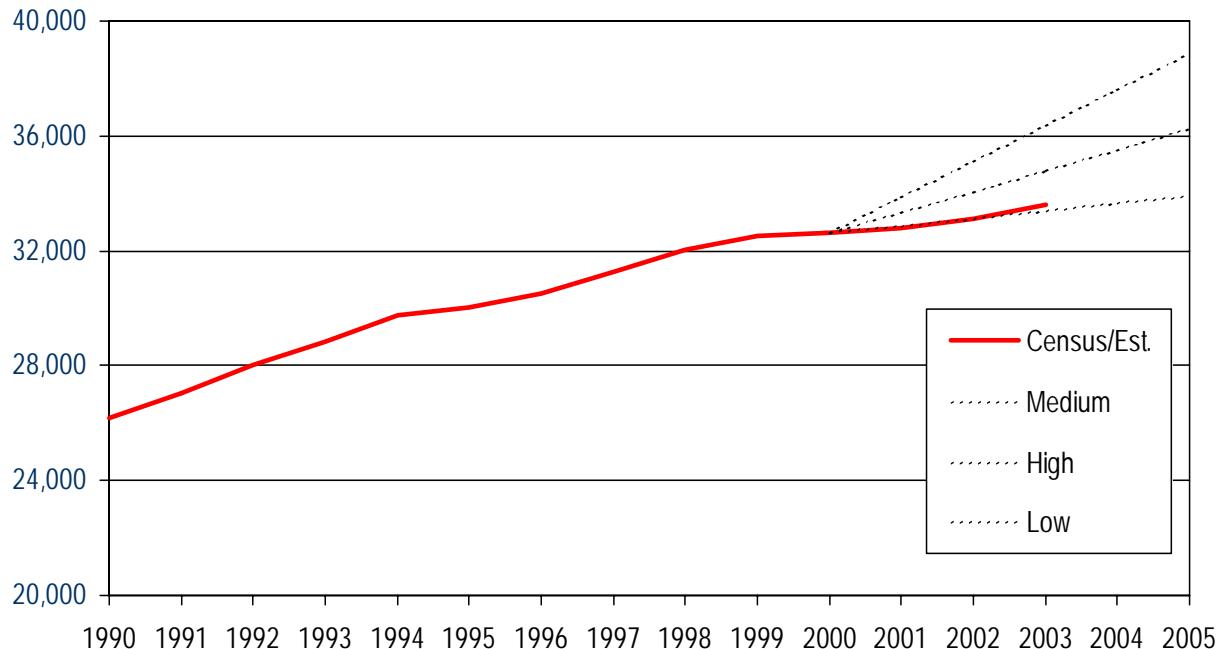


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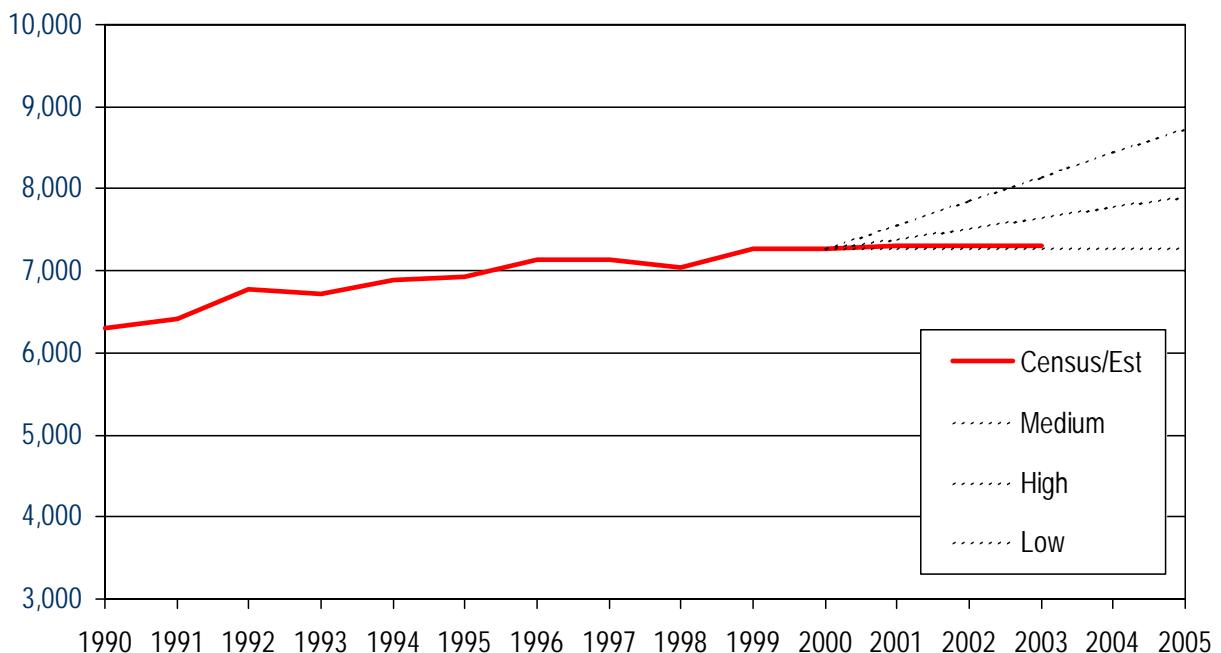


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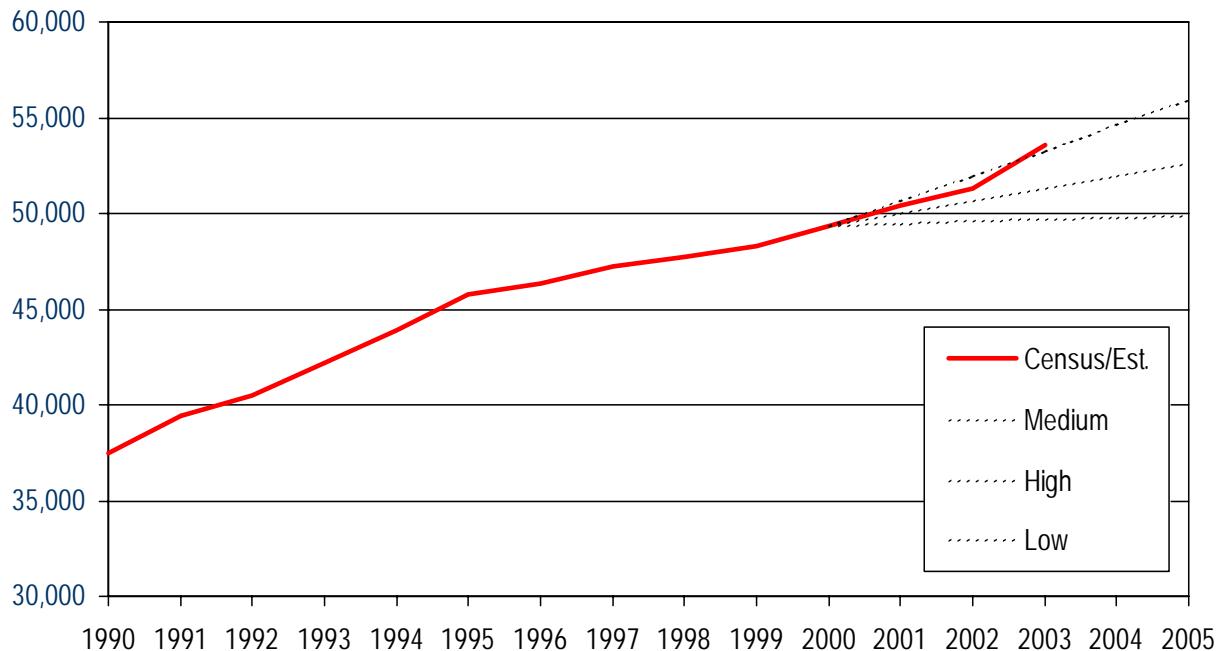


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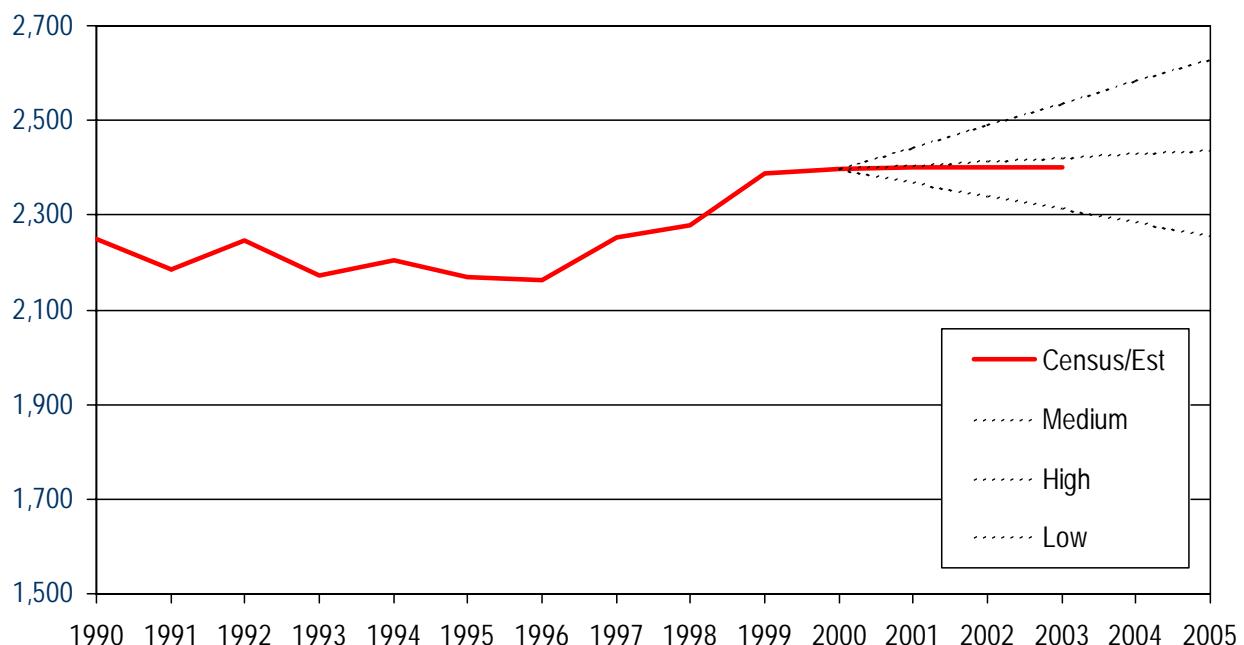


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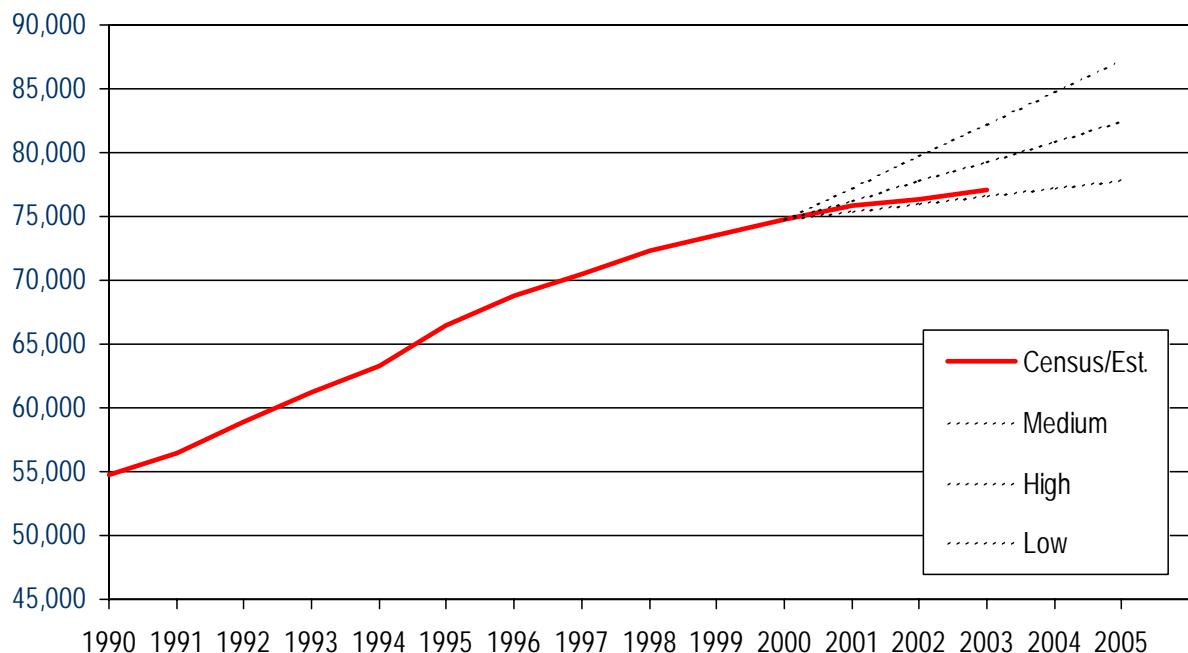


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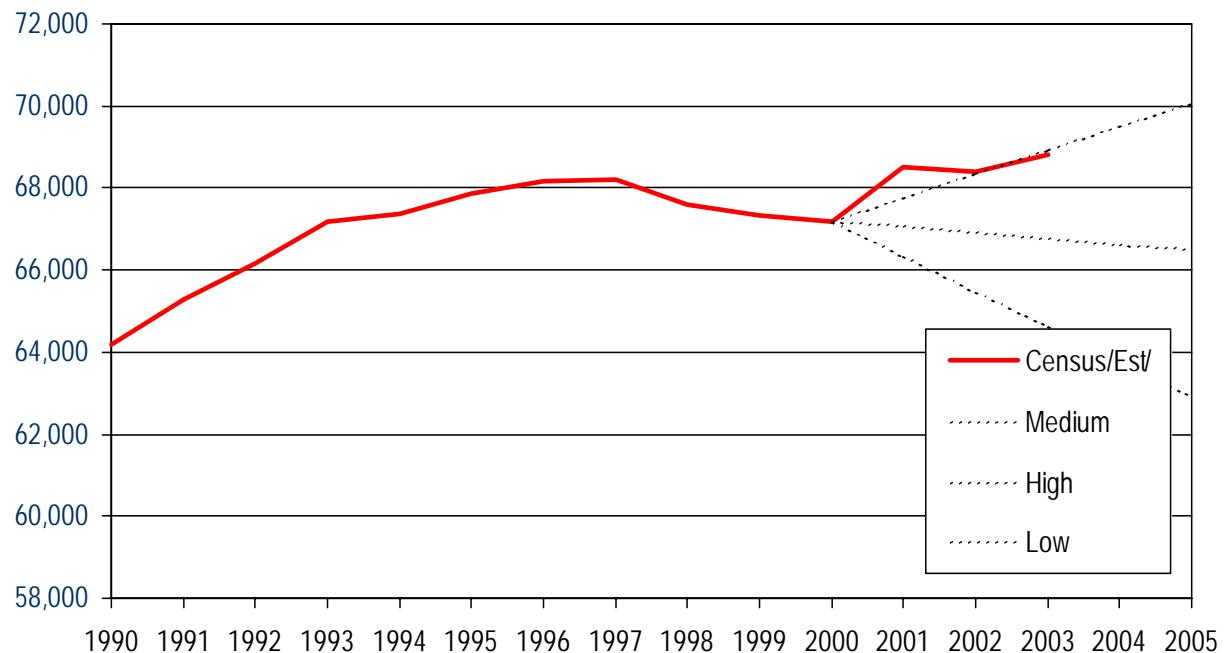


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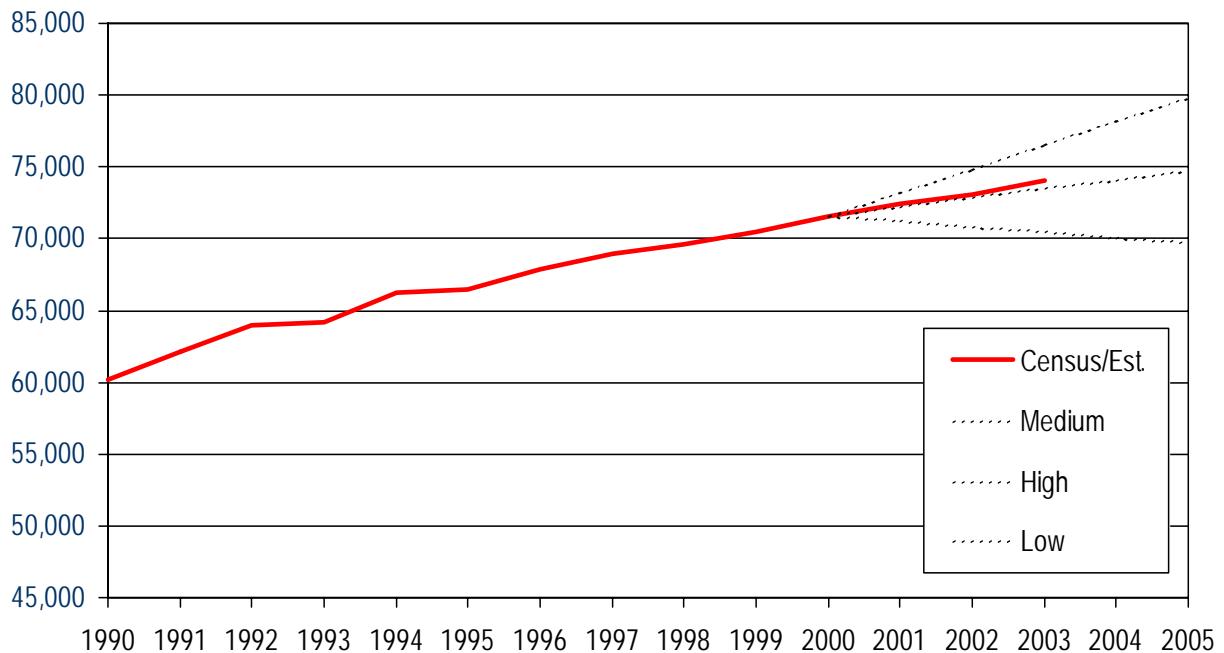


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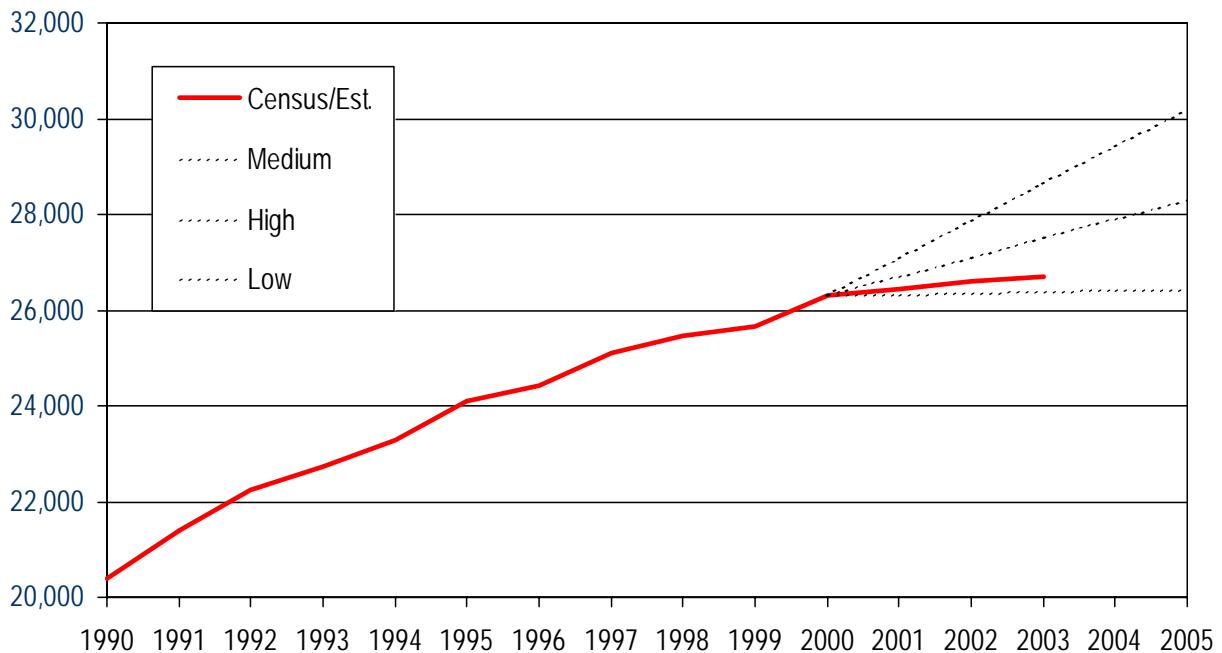


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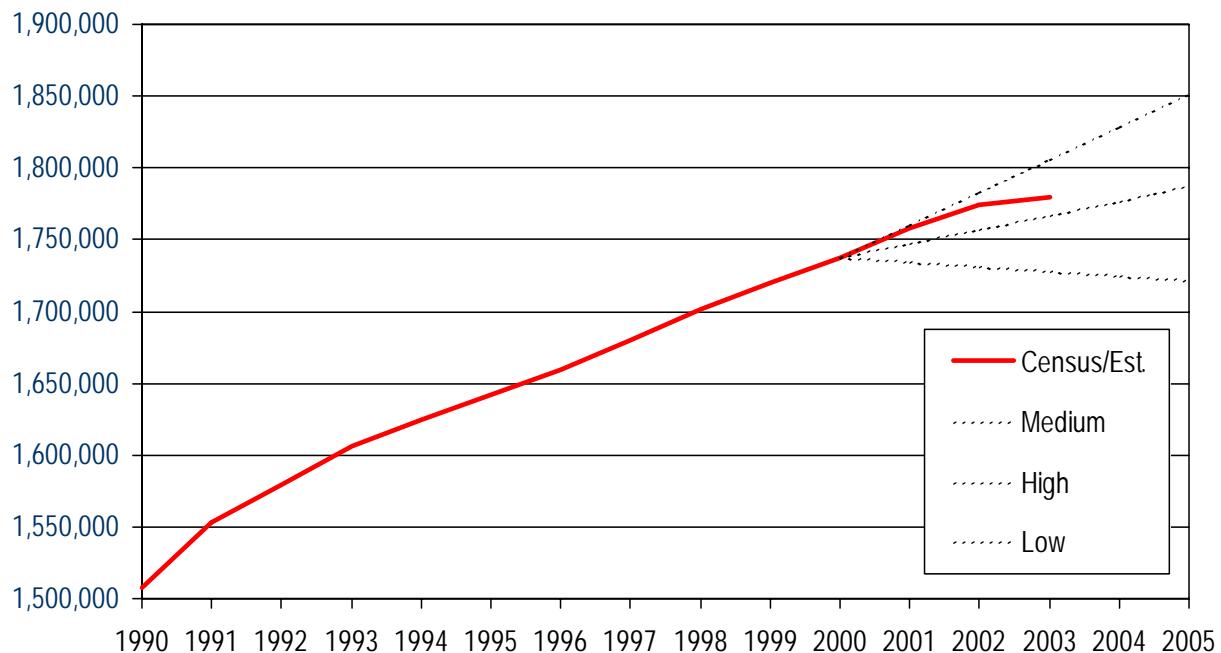


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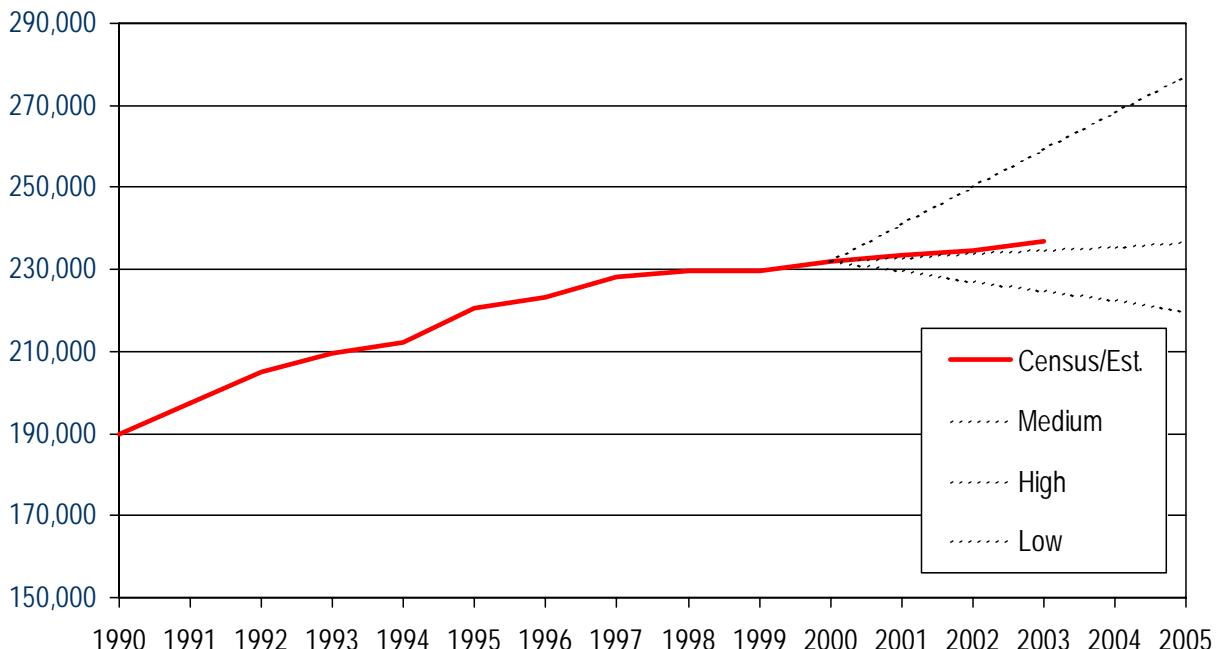


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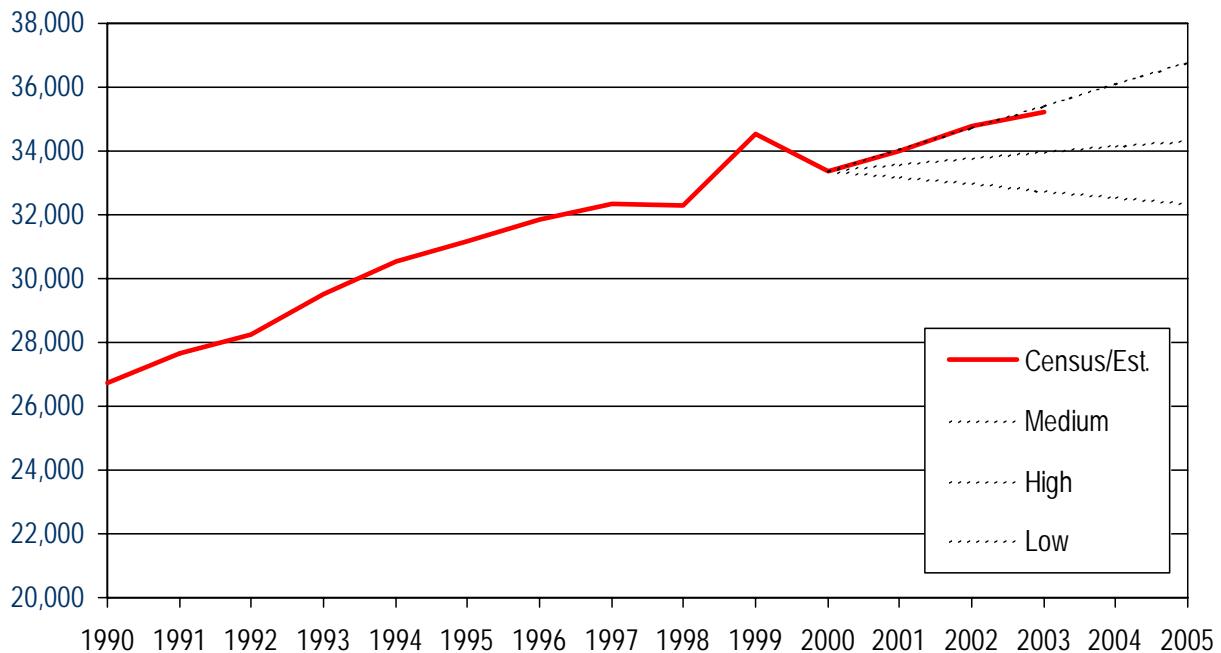


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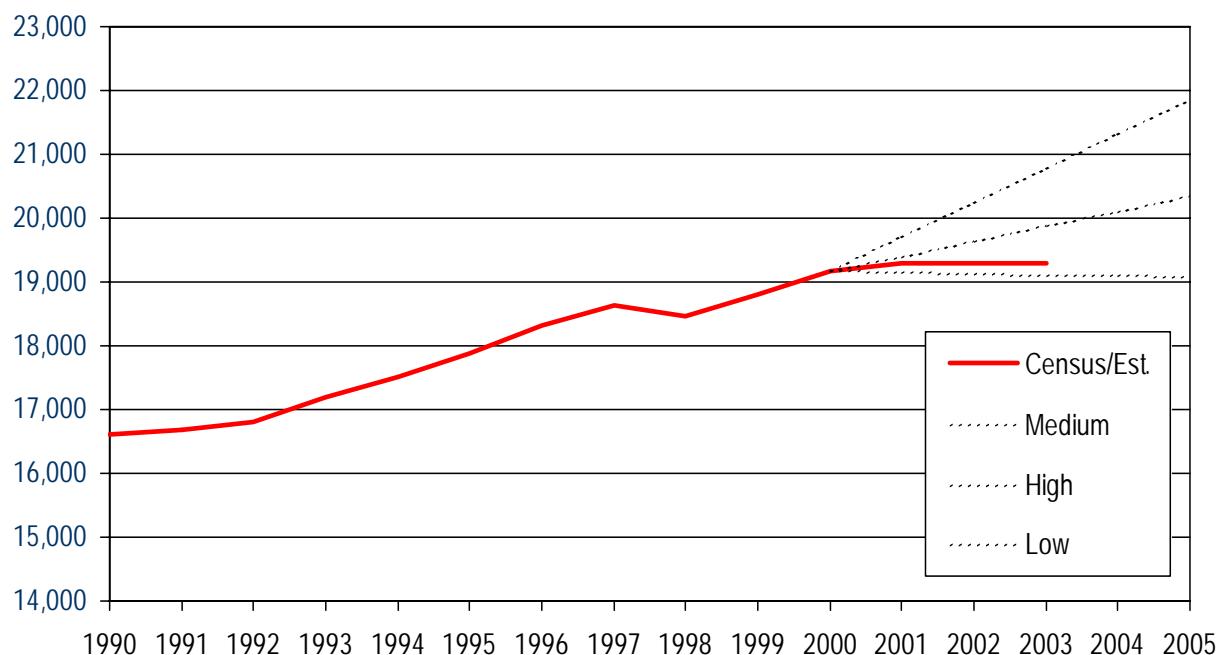


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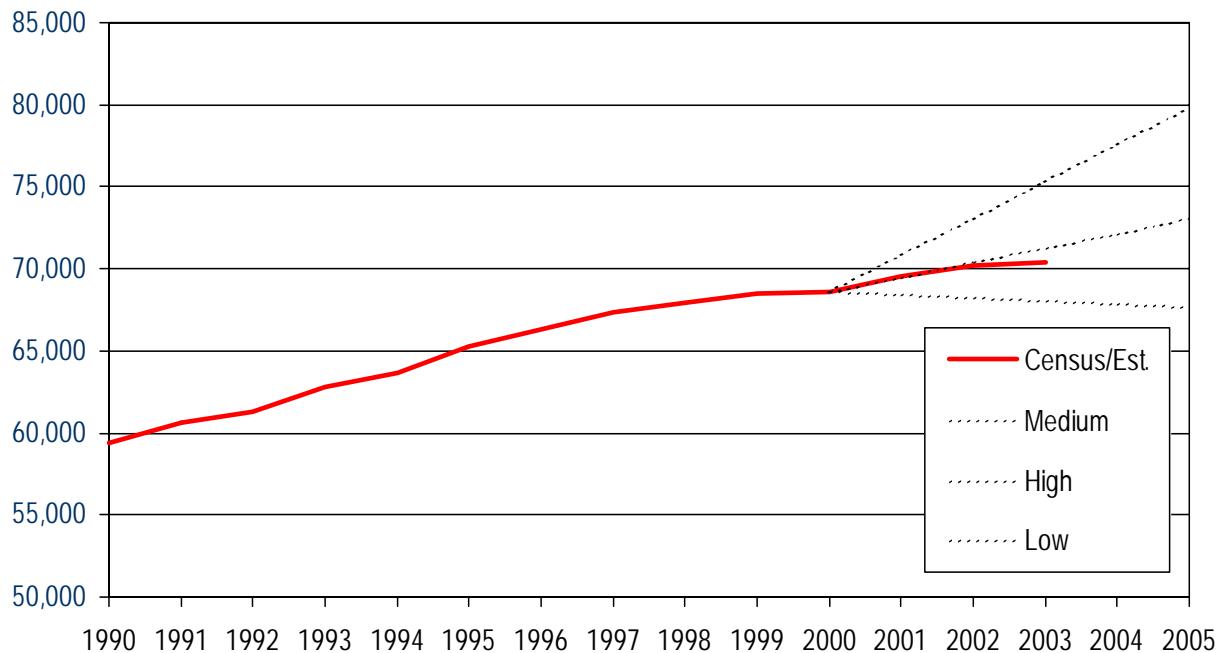


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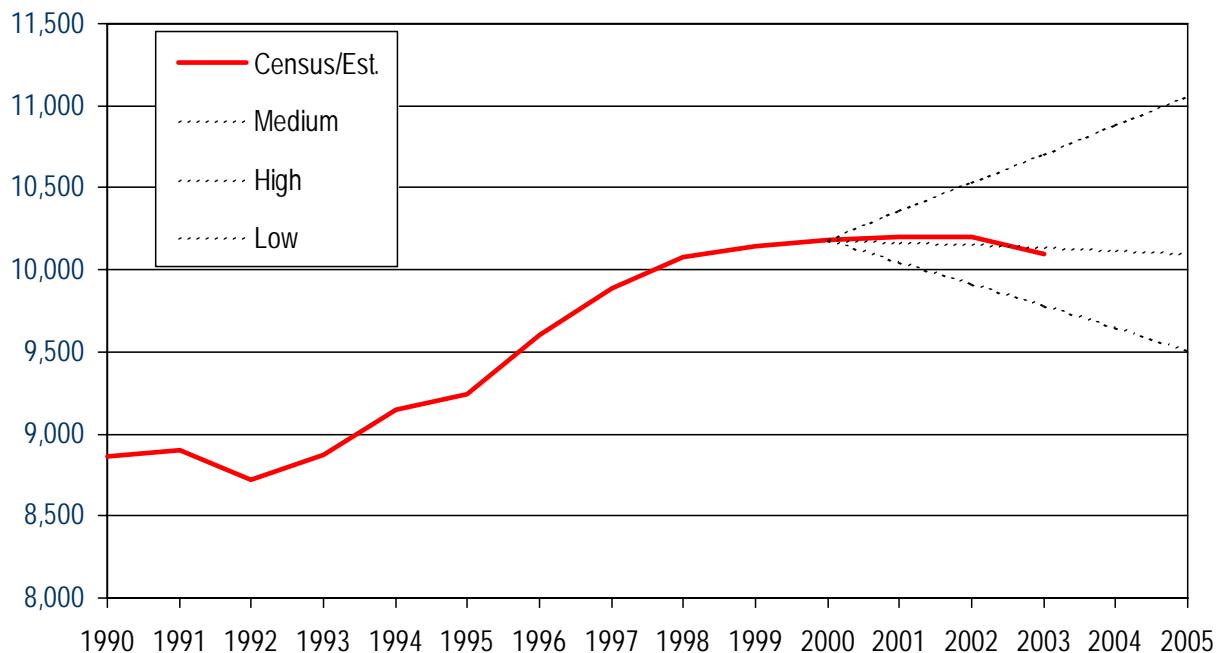


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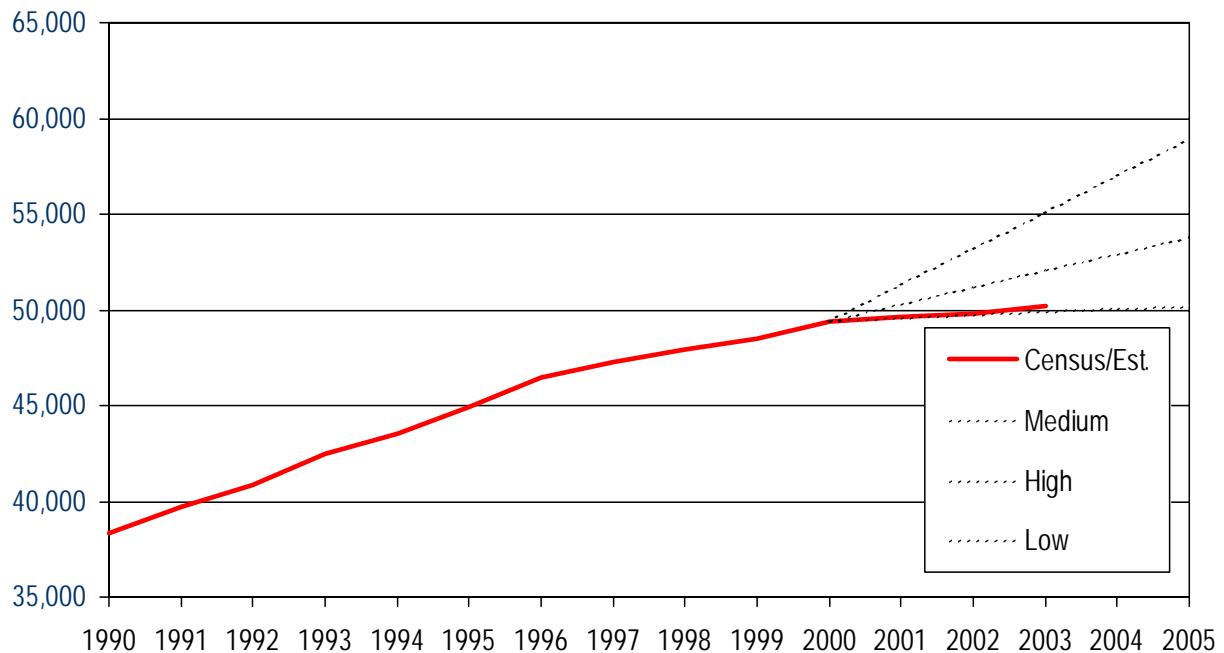


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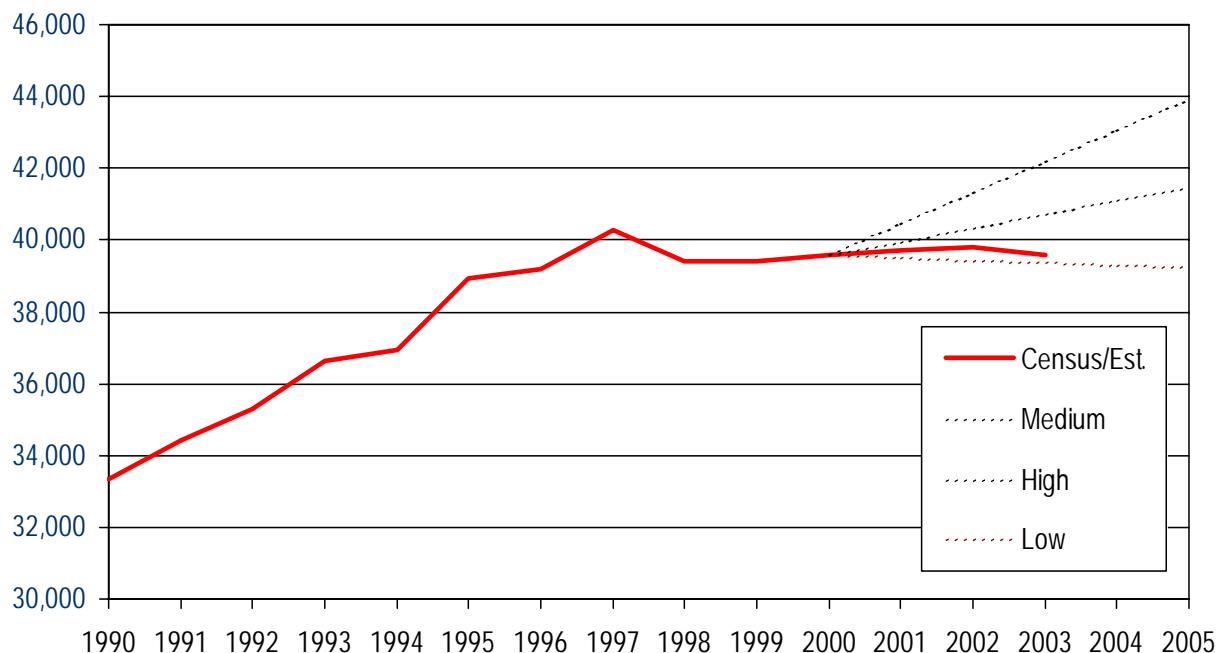


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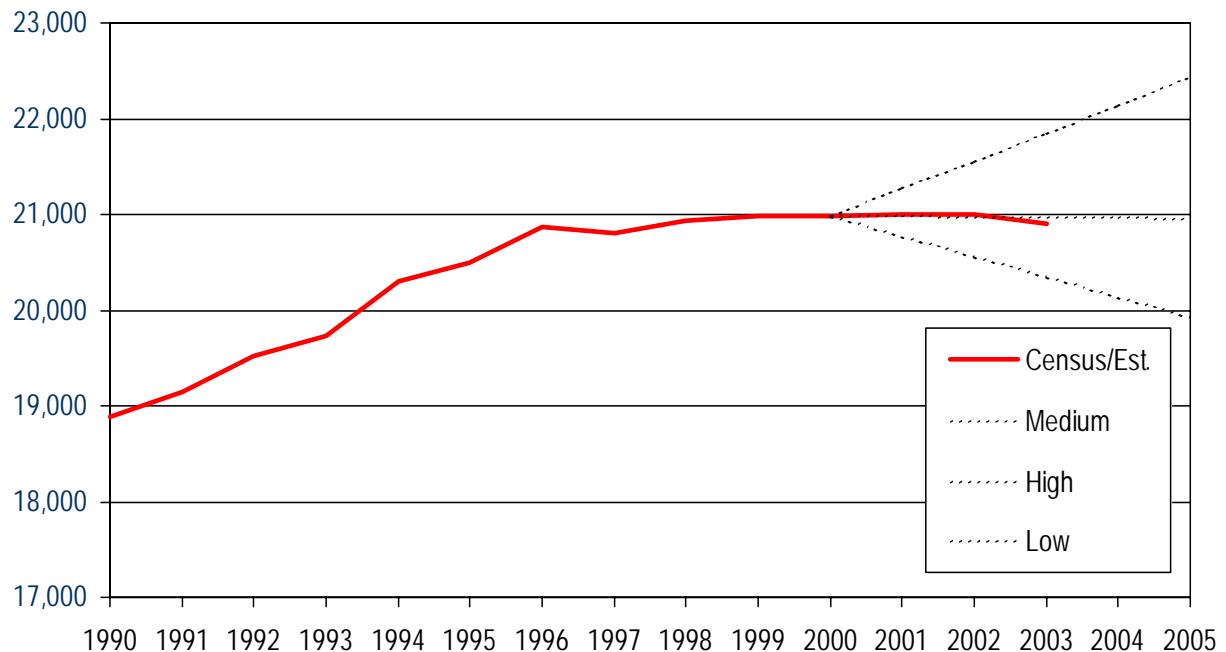


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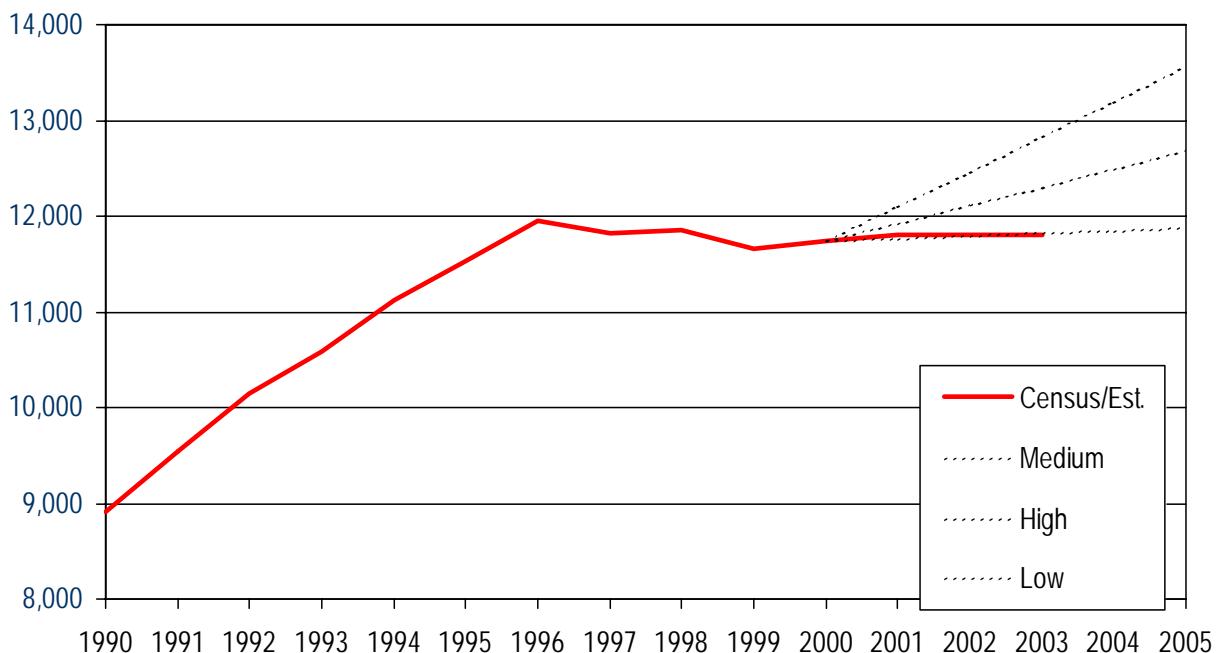


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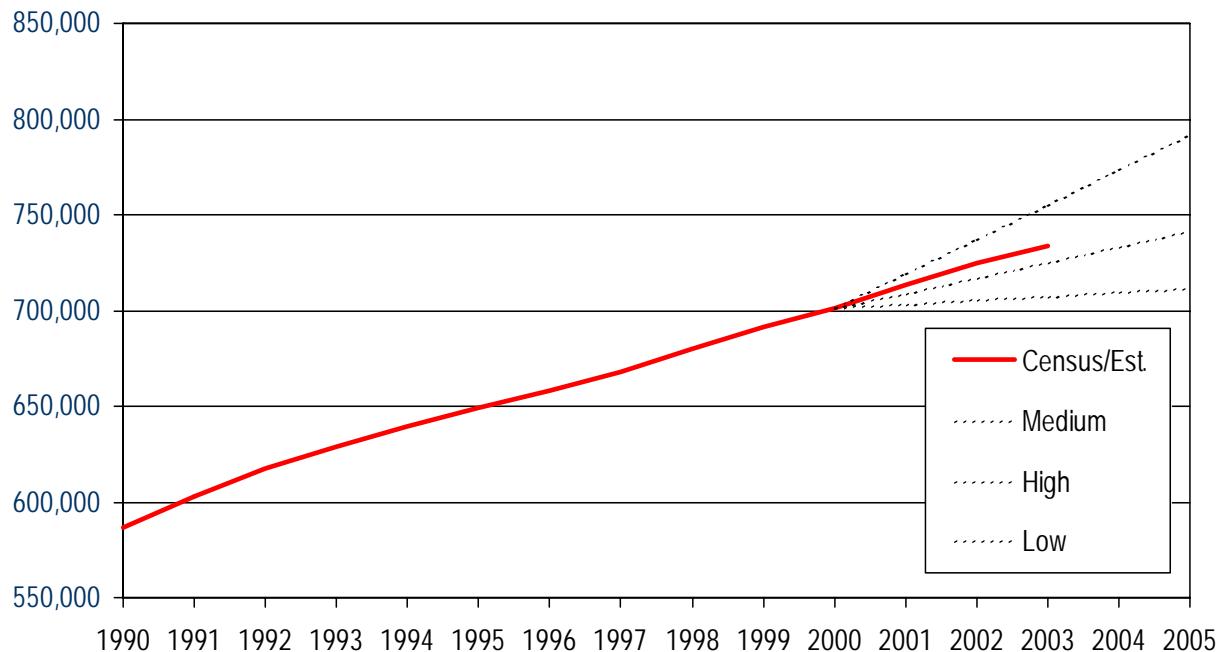


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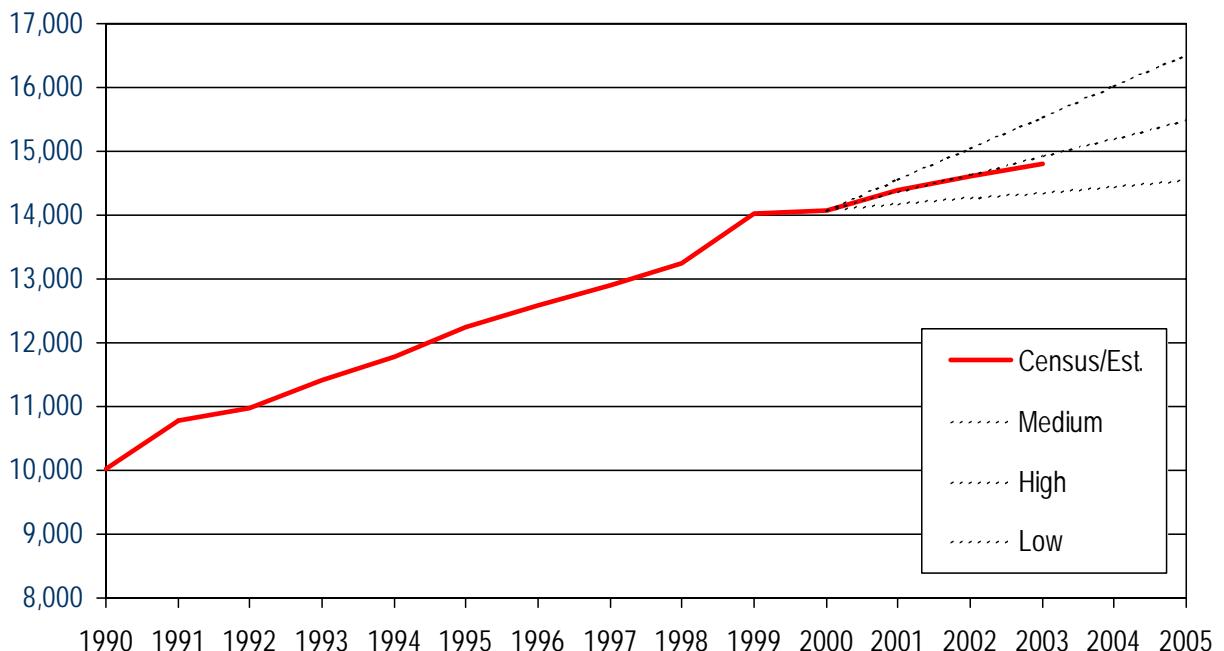


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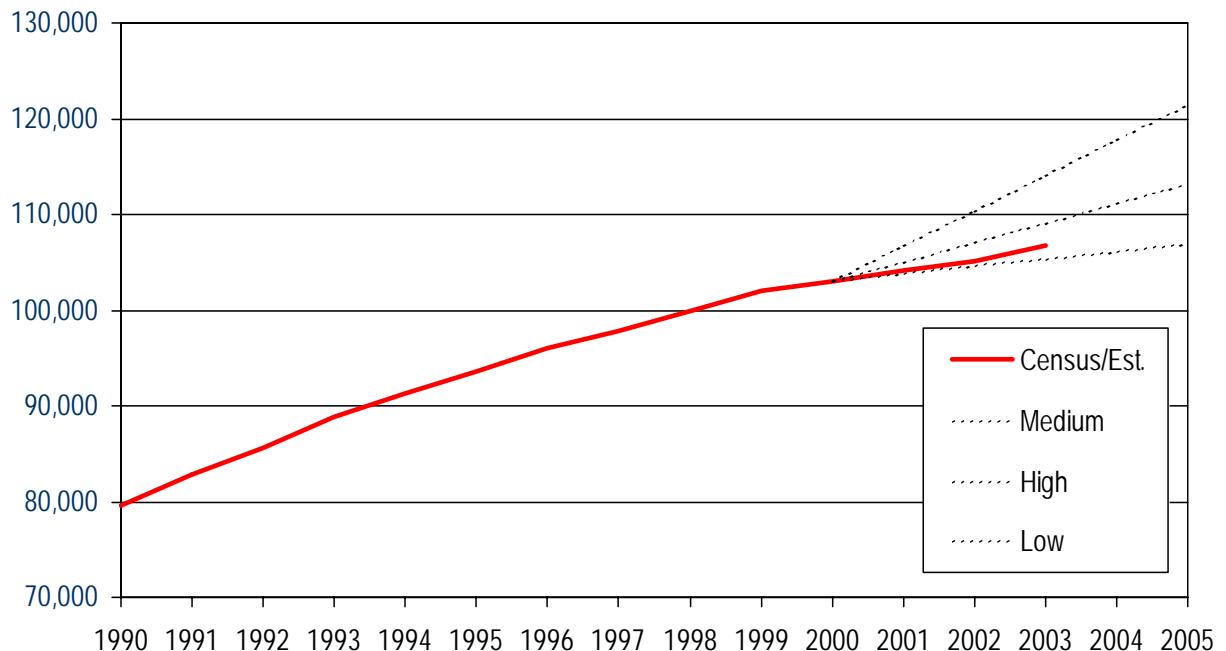


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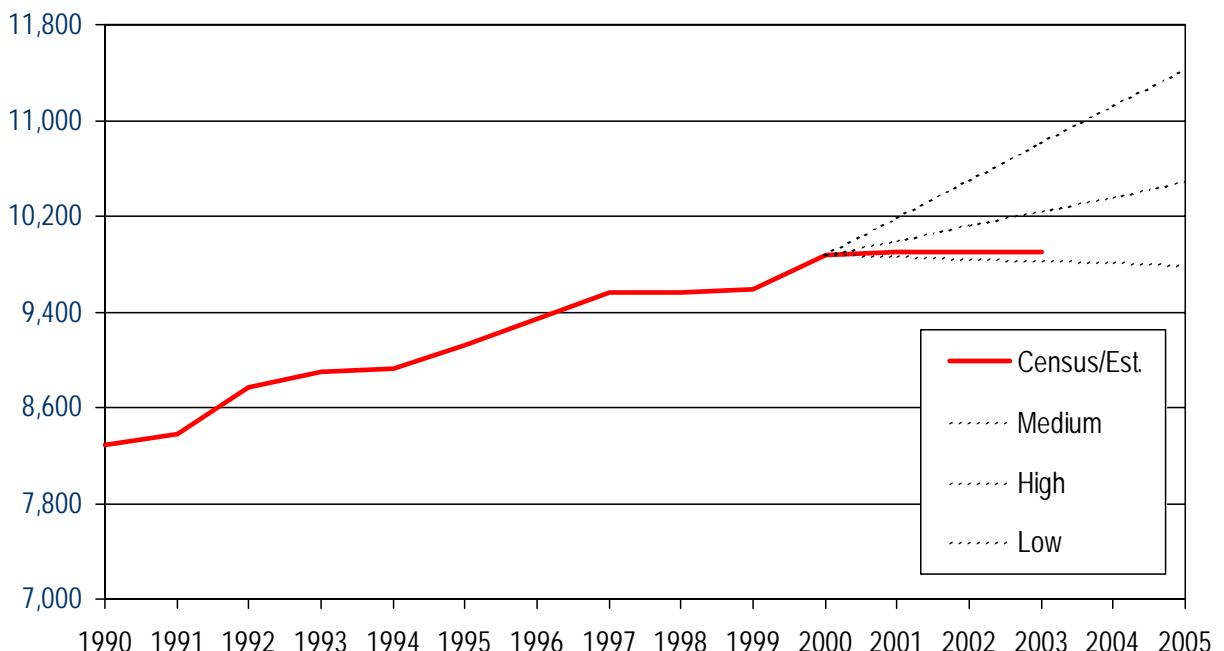


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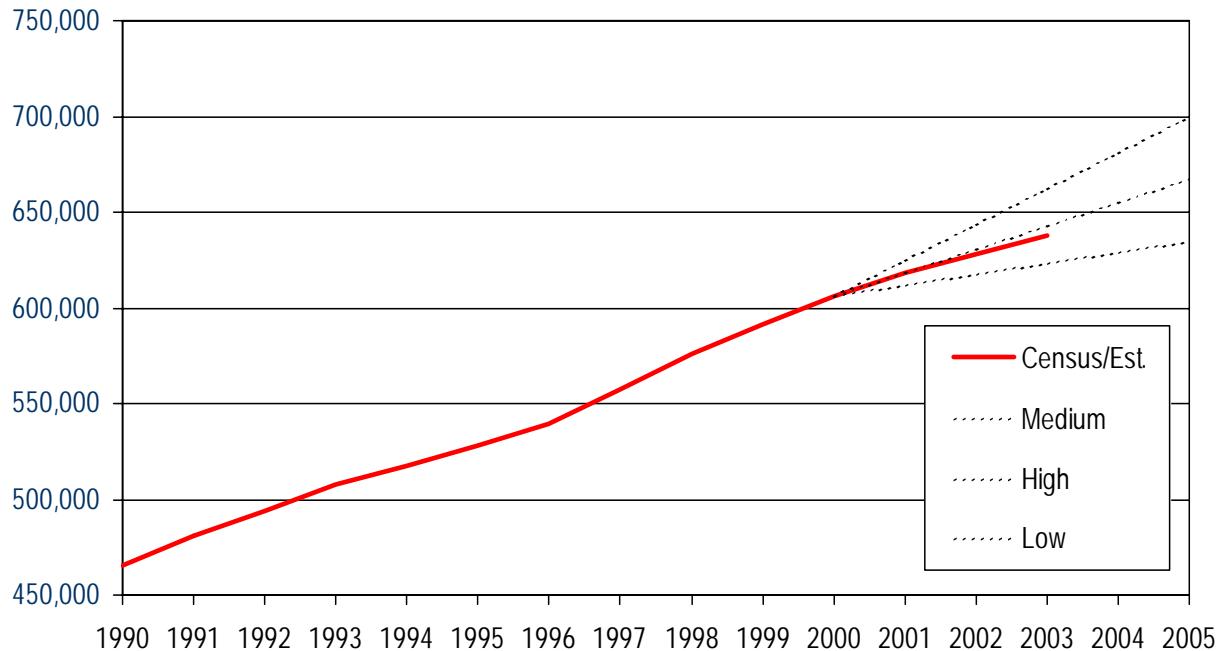


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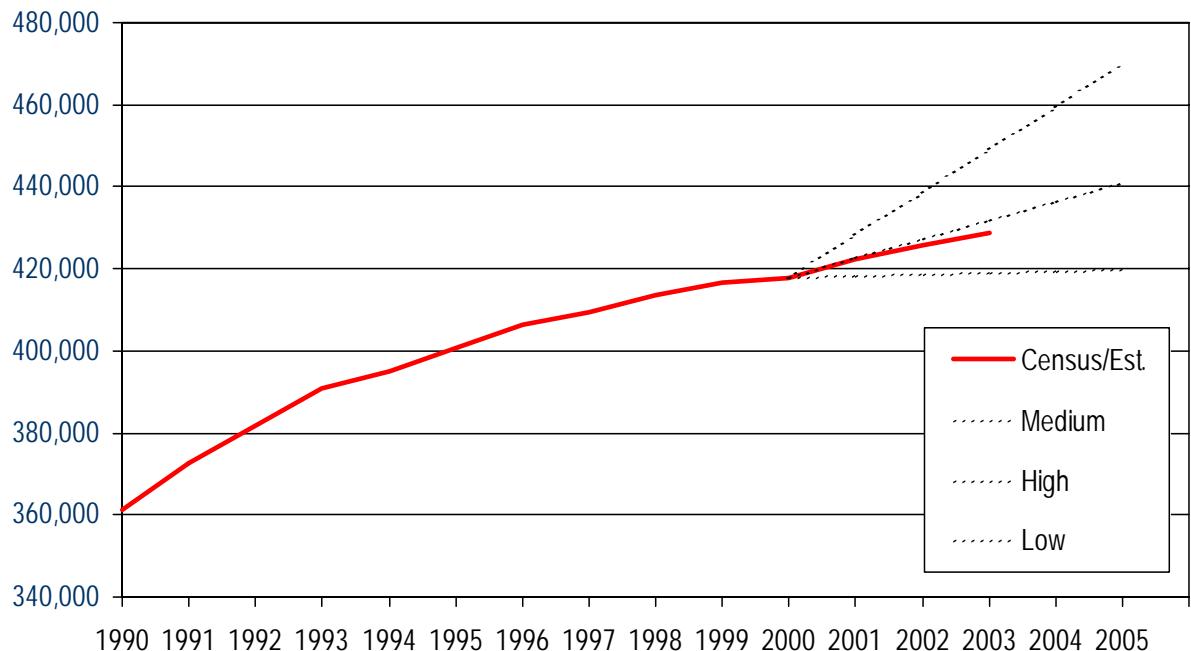


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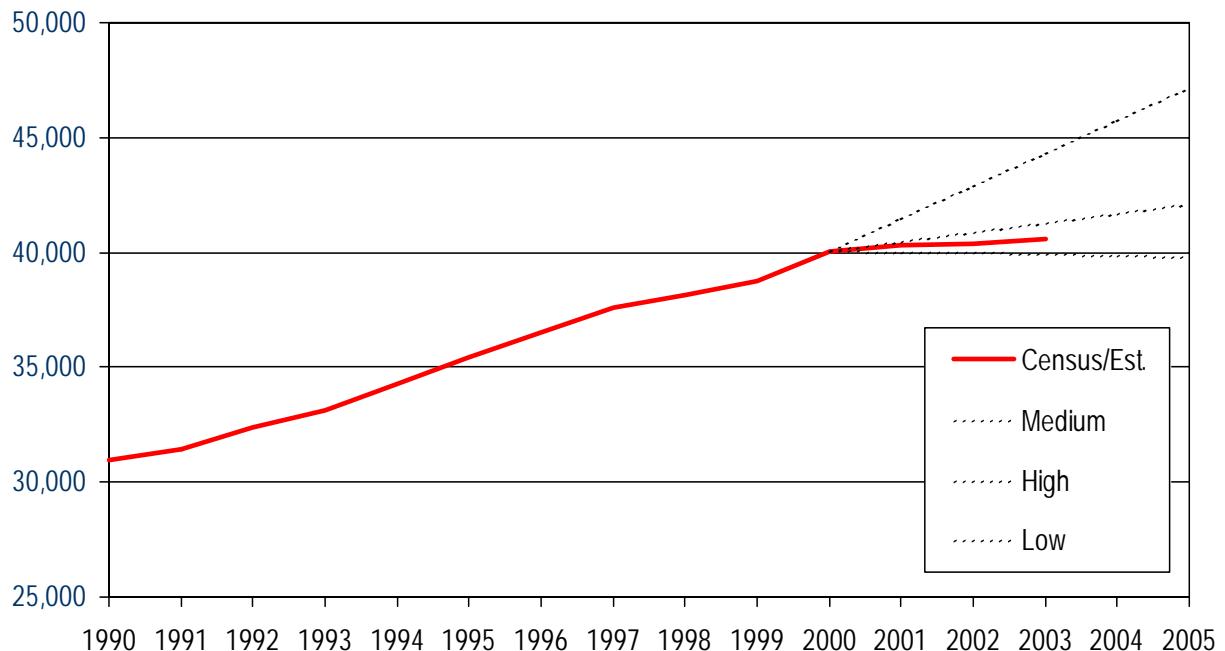


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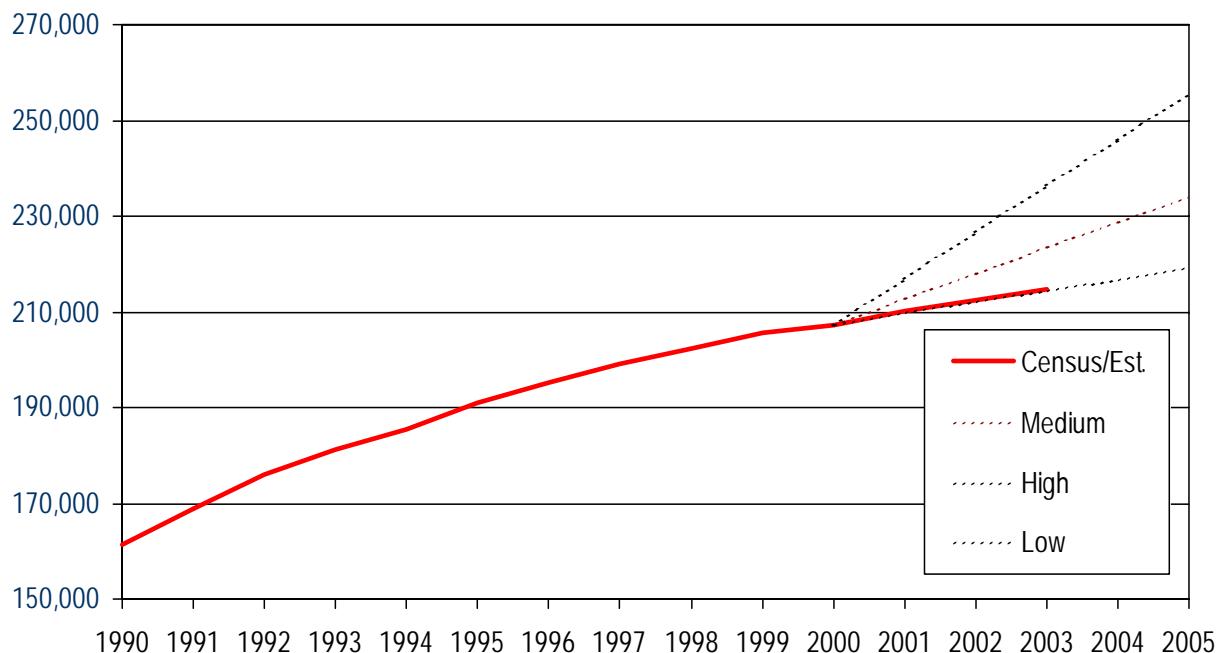


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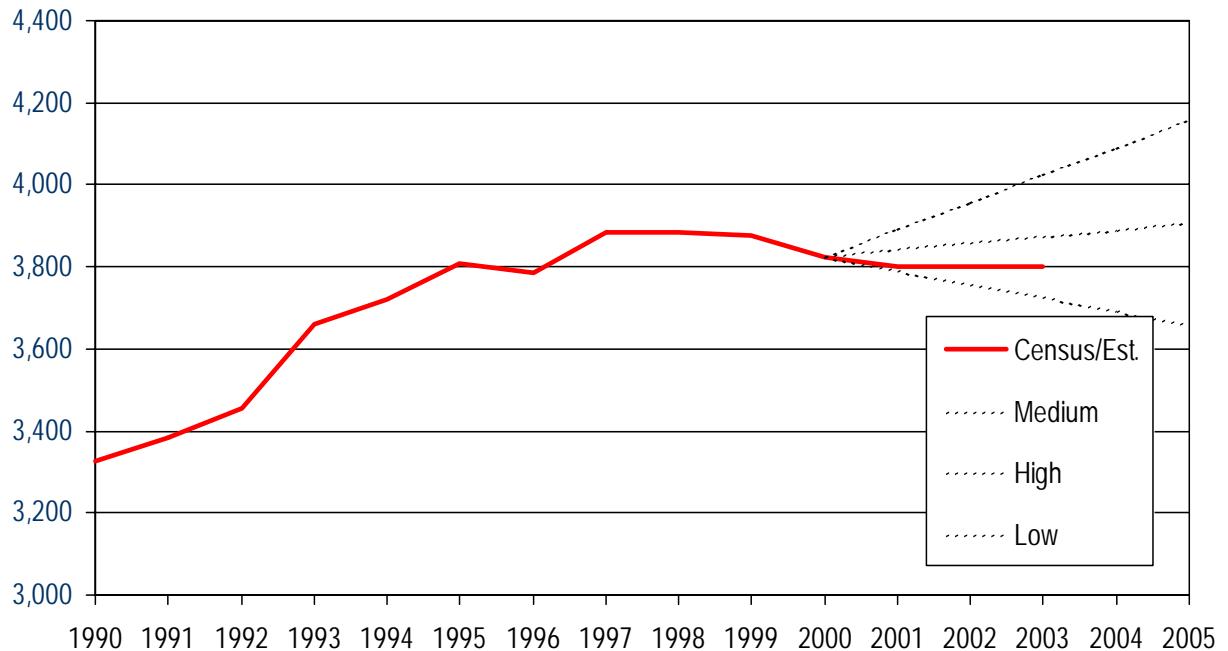


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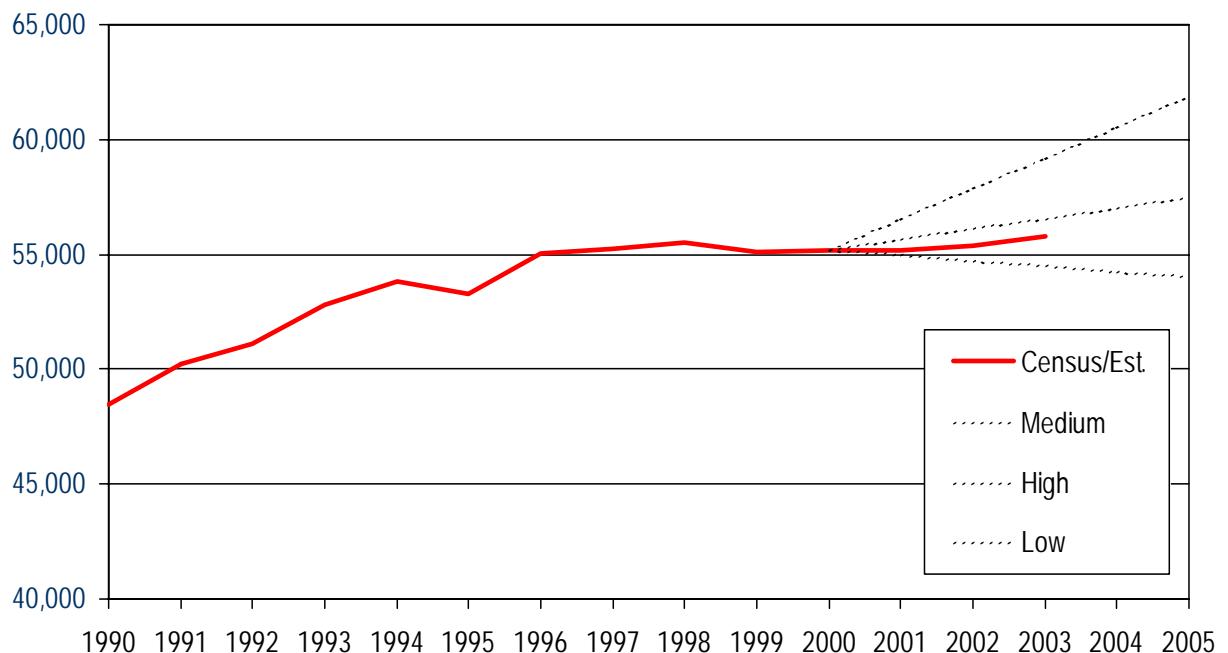


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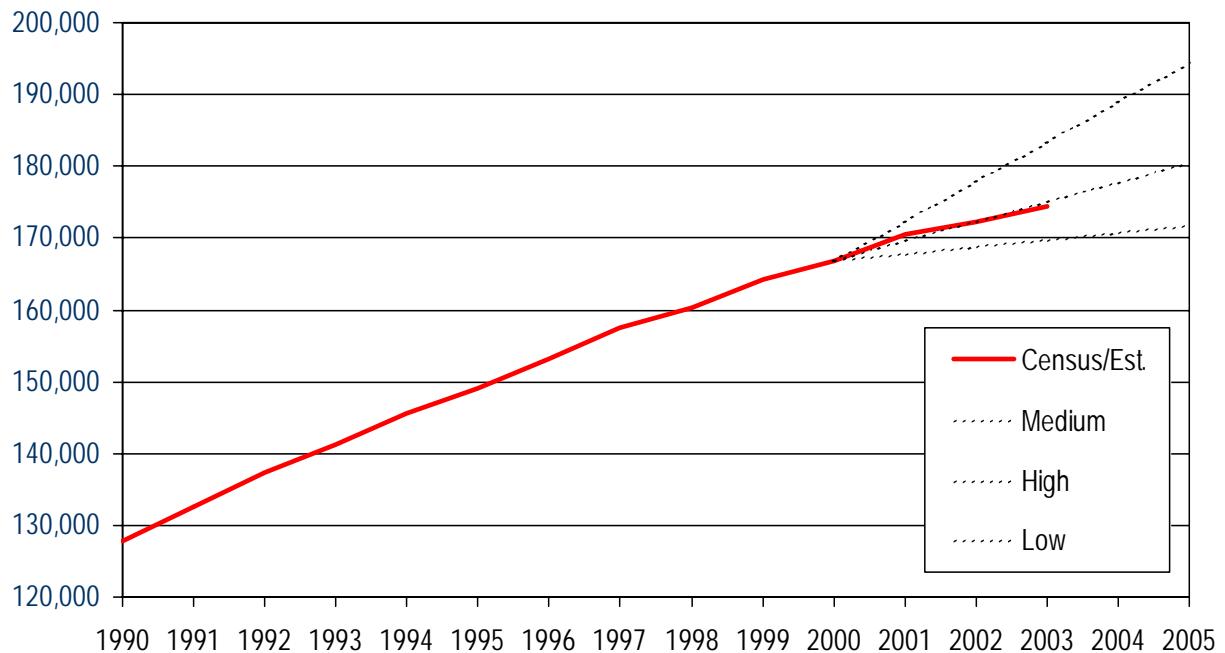


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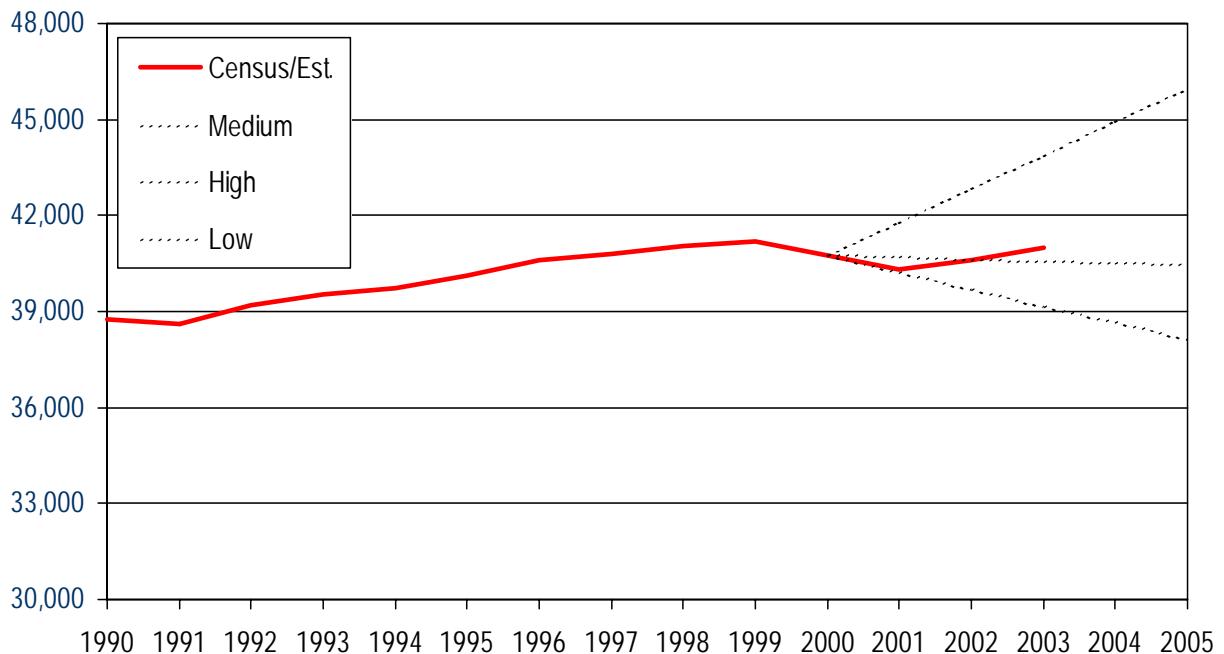


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